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country who valued their family names and despised the puerile fictions of titles so lavishly bestowed and worn, Brazil would to-day stand higher in the world's estimation than she now does. And the undecorated son of the illustrious Andradas will here note that neither banquets nor imaginary favors have served to prevent us—a stranger in this country—from speaking our mind with perfect frankness on this subject, nor from criticising every matter of public policy or custom which we consider wrong and hurtful to the country. It has been our constant contention that the foreigner residing in Brazil is intimately concerned in everything that affects the highest welfare of the country, and that his personal advantages are inseparably bound to the prosperity of the people among whom he is living, and from this premise we conclude that it is his duty to use all his influence and effort to reform abuses and encourage liberal progress. This, however, is as foreign to the subject as we are to the citizenship which the *Jornal* undertook to force upon us a few days since. As the question now stands, perhaps our name will have more personal significance for our spicy friend than he has been led to believe, even if it can not be as yet counted upon as *amicable* to his Quixotic scheme for separation.

O Pais, 19th September.

#### SEVEN THOUSAND CONTOS MORE.

The minister of finance yesterday presented to the Chamber of Deputies a proposal from the executive to open a supplementary credit for sundry appropriations of the department of finance for the fiscal year 1886-87.

According to the explanation made by the honorable minister the breach (*rombo*) made in the estimates by his illustrious predecessor amounts to 7,059,000\$, disregarding fractions.

This news can not be agreeable to tax-payers, if there be in our country tax-payers who are interested in such novelties. In any case, it is well to suppose there are some such.

Amongst others this is one of the beauties of our governmental system; the government can spend what it chooses and as it chooses, the sums it chooses; the payment of unauthorized and unjustifiable expenses being submitted for parliamentary endorsement *post factum*.

Another beauty is the facility given honorable ministers to charge to certain appropriations their estimates expenses incurred at their free and uncontrolled will and pleasure; thus justifying the celebrated assertion of Conselheiro Silveira Martins, when minister of finance, that the budgets of the state are a superfetation, and that in the Treasury expenses are charged according to the instructions of the respective ministers.

It would be curious and instructive to know what were real, or imaginary, necessities that have apparently caused this excess of expenditure made by the illustrious ex-minister of finance.

Many of the miracles realized by his Ex. in holding-up exchange, for example, and many of the miracles also realized by his Ex. in the multiplication of patriotic adhesions which so disinterestedly upheld the cabinet of which his Ex. was a member, particularly in the campaign of defamation against *O Pais*, might possibly be explained, if perchance we had the means for investigation, how it really came about that the money, now to be replaced by the proposal submitted by Conselheiro João Alfredo, was wasted.

These reflections do not tend, as may be easily understood, to constitute a retrospective examination as to the glorified financial management of Conselheiro Belisario; but to awaken the nation to the perils to which it is exposed through the continuation of this system of administration, by which it will never be possible to balance the budgets of the state, nor to estimate with certainty public expenses.

#### RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—The August immigrants arrivals at Buenos Aires numbered 8,813.

—The Buenos Aires "Boisa" is planning the establishment of a hospital—presumably for crippled brokers.

—The Houston scheme for steamship lines from Buenos Aires to Europe and the United States appears to have fallen through because of the inability of the contractor to raise the necessary capital. It will be remembered that the Argentine government declined an offer of the U. S. & Brazil company because Mr. Houston offered something better.

—The Buenos Aires *Standard* of September 4th [packet edition] publishes nearly a whole column of news items from *The Rio News*, but fails to give due credit.

—An international congress for the codification of South American laws—or something of that sort—is now in session at Montevideo. It is a tremendously important affair, but no one seems to understand very clearly why it was convened, or what it is going to do.

—The Argentine provinces are all floating loans as rapidly as possible. Apparently they are making hay while the sun shines. There will be a rude awakening before many days on the other side of the water, and then provincial and municipal loans in South America will not be in so great a demand.

—A new merchant steamship bill is now before the Argentine Congress, which proposes to build five first-class steamers, suitable for war purposes, to carry a certain number of Argentine naval officers, physicians, etc., and to introduce 6,000 immigrants a year. The projector only wants a 5 per cent guarantee on \$6,000,000 gold for fifteen years.

—The *Express* is entitled to a candid explanation in regard to our objections to the Brazilian republic. A republic here would have as many heads as there are influential political chiefs, justice [what there is of it] would be forgotten in political rivalries, and the quiet citizen would have a dozen sovereigns to obey instead of one. Practically there is more liberty under the Brazilian empire than the average South American republic.

—The police and immigration authorities at Buenos Aires are proposing to investigate the moral character of immigrants before permitting them to land. It is a pretty big job, and will probably result, like all similar regulations, in nothing but annoyance to honest people. We once had the pleasure of waiting two or three hours in the Buenos Aires roads for the authorities to count and dispatch immigrants, and if their moral condition had been inquired into we are confident that the ship would still be waiting for her pratique.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

September 14.—In the Senate the decree proroguing the session to the 30th inst. was read. Senator Candido de Oliveira complained of the delay in deciding upon the tenders for the Pernambuco port improvements. Senator Silveira da Motta, referring to Sr. Silveira Martins' question relative to the foreign loan raised by the province of S. Paulo, repeated the question in relation to the loan for the province of Bahia. Senator Ignacio Martins made a forcible attack on the government in discussing the estimates of the department of justice, particularly in reference to the recent modification of swearing in deputies. Senator Avila also spoke advocating a change from the military organization of the police corps. In the Chamber considerable time was occupied in washing soiled linen from Pará, and the rest of the session was occupied with petitions for the privilege of opening new streets in our city.

September 15.—In the Senate Sr. Dantas defended the recent foreign loan and appealed to the ministry for some declaration of its intentions regarding the various reforms specified in the speech from the throne. The premier in reply said the conditions of the Bahia loan had been submitted to officials at the Treasury, who considered it advantageous. He had not retreated from the position taken as to reforms, but that these were only to be brought up after the budget laws had been passed. Senator Silveira Martins had some remarks to make of the same tenor as those of Sr. Dantas, but more sarcastic, and he deduced that as the provinces could negotiate loans, they had become sovereign states of Brazil. The supplementary credit for the marine department amounting to 442,203\$823 was finally passed. The estimates of the department of justice finally passed, and, as amended, go back to the Chamber. Senator Candido de Oliveira, whose delight appears to be to bait the ministry, threw a shower of questions on the minister of empire, who had come to ask for a supplementary credit. The minister of empire taking his cue from the premier said the budget laws were more important than reforms, but that these would be produced. He then referred the preceding speaker to former discussions for answers to some of his questions. Senator Correia made a few remarks in defense of the president of Paraná. In the Chamber, it being Saturday, there was no session.

September 17.—In the Senate the estimates of the department of foreign affairs passed and with the amendments returns to the Chamber. Senator Ribeiro da Luz and the minister of war occupied the rest of the session in discussing army affairs. In the Chamber a project for an electoral reform was presented, signed by seven deputies from S. Paulo; its principal feature is an increase of

deputies from the more prosperous provinces and no change from the others, or in other words an increased expense to the tax-payer, who does not happen to belong to the electoral body. The minister of finance proceeded to demolish all the objections of preceding speakers and appears to have been happy in his reply to the demand of Pará deputies for a reduction of export duties on rubber, for this is collected in government forests and the collectors' labor only constitutes the cost of production. The premier quoted numerous figures to refute his critics, most of which are already published in his *relatório*. Deputy Cesarino Alvim saw many clouds in the financial horizon; a large coffee crop was known to be followed by two or three short crops, and although the year 1889 might be passed through without serious disturbance, the following years would not be so favorable. He touched on various subjects upon all of which he had objections to make to government ideas. The deputy was twice reminded that he had occupied the floor long enough. Deputies Pedro Luiz, Theophilo dos Santos, MacDowell and Freire de Carvalho all spoke on the Senate amendments to the estimates of the department of marine, but their remarks were of no general interest.

September 18.—In the Senate Sr. Lima Duarte inquired about the possible change in the cabinet through the election of the minister of foreign affairs to a seat in the Senate. The minister of agriculture said that his colleague had not been received by the Senate as yet, and the question appeared premature. Senators Belisario and Saraiva spoke; the first addressing some sarcastic remarks to the cabinet, and the second referring to railway extensions. Senator Avila made a violent attack on a Marshal Ancora, who appears to have had a very good berth for a very long time, and incidentally gave the minister of war, whose estimates he was discussing, much food for consideration. In the Chamber a modest request for an interest guarantee of 6 per cent. on 100,000,000\$ for a railway was presented. A species of farce was represented by Deputy Paulo Primo, who wants the bill referring to a volunteer during the Paraguayan war brought up. The minister of finance read a proposal for a credit amounting to 7,059,000\$890, for the fiscal year 1886-87 to cover differences that have arisen; of this the sum of 5,695,987\$846 appears as "difference in exchange." Deputy MacDowell defended the rights of the province of Pará in demanding a modification of export duties and also had some bitter remarks to make to his colleagues from the province. Deputy Andrade Figueira altogether opposed the project for banks of emission. The summary of the deputy's speech is somewhat scanty, but it appears that these banks will meet none of the objects they are pressed to serve.

September 19.—In the Senate there was no session. In the Chamber the first part of the session seemed to have been occupied in discussing local questions. Deputy Paula Primo was very severe on the senator from his province, but little attention was shown the speaker. Deputy Coelho Rodrigues had again occasion to ventilate his ideas on immigration; what is requisite for Brazil is the press-gang, obligatory colonization by vagabonds and a good contract labor law. The deputy considers the slaves must be paid for, or we are to see a radical change in our form of government. Deputy Ratisbona made a very mild reply to Sr. Andrade Figueira's attack on national banks; the deputy does not seem to have thoroughly examined the question.

September 20.—In the Senate, after Srs. Lima Duarte and Soares had attacked and defended the vice-president of Minas Geraes in reference to election interference, Senator Silveira da Motta's motion for information regarding the Bahia provincial loan was rejected. Senator Avila occupied the rest of the session in criticising army organization. In the Chamber Deputy Zama presented a list of seven questions he desires to ask the government. A dialogue ensued, during which Sr. Zama addressed some rather unparliamentary language to the president of the Chamber. Four deputies, all priests, occupied some time with somewhat personal questions; one however presented a protest signed by 36,000 persons against the passage of the liberty of religion bill. Deputies Mattoso Camara and Lourenço de Albuquerque spoke on the bill for banks of emission, but their remarks were of little interest.

September 21.—In the Senate the committee report on the estimates of the department of agriculture was read; the committee seem to have had a hard job, and have seriously modified the law as it came from the Chamber. The minister of agriculture explained the recent reductions of tariffs on the railways. The session was of very little general interest. In the Chamber Deputies Andrade Figueira and Costa Aguiar discussed a motion for the presentation of a filial message to the Pope in reference to emancipation. Deputy Elpidio de Mesquita read a long string of figures and cited German and Italian economists to prove

that regional banks were useless. Then Deputy Lourenço de Albuquerque replied to some censorious remarks made by the premier and Deputies Andrade Figueira occupied the floor for a short time.

September 22.—In the Senate Visconde de Ouro Preto, the premier and Senator Correia occupied considerable time in attacking and defending the president of Minas Geraes for interfering in election matters. The rest of the session was occupied in routine business. In the Chamber there was no session.

## PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The August receipts of the Bahia custom house amounted to 844,253\$066.

—Nickel counterfeits of the silver milreis piece have made their appearance in São Paulo.

—An extraordinary session of 15 days of the Pará provincial assembly has been called.

—There were 101 burials in the public cemetery at Santos during the month of August.

—A large quantity of machinery for the new cotton factory at Salto do Itú, São Paulo, has arrived at Santos.

—According to Pernambuco advices the sugar crop of that province has yielded 2,493,365 bags, and the cotton crop 302,268 sacks.

—The good people of Victoria, Espírito Santo, are complaining of the inefficiency of the new law for regulation of domestic servants. It does not regulate.

—If Paulistas object so much to seeing their revenues come to Rio to support the national government, why don't they stand up like men and prevent it?

—The mercantile classes of Pindamonhangaba, São Paulo, have resolved not to pay the new taxes on industries and professions. Rio is still to be heard from.

—Another defalcation is reported from the Amazonas provincial assembly, this time for 17,000\$. The provinces are making a very bad record of it lately.

—The Rio Grande sanitary authorities recommend the vaccination of all immigrants at the Ilha das Flores. But—we thought the foreigner was exempt from small-pox in this country!

—The August receipts of the Victoria custom house were 15,601\$628, of which 2,476\$823 were from imports and 8,090\$840 from exports. The provincial *meta de rendas* yielded 14,329\$555 in the same month.

—On the 14th, at a place near Magé, province of Rio de Janeiro, a man 22 years old murdered his grandmother because he considered her a witch. He boasted of his crime and was consequently arrested.

—A company has been established in Campinas, São Paulo, under the title of *Companhia Ceramica*, for the manufacture of tiles, bricks, earthenware pavements, images, etc. The capital is 200,000\$ in shares of 200\$ each.

—A new club has just been organized in Santos under the designation of *Club Recreativo*. Santos is a jolly place just now and it is to be presumed that the new club will have its hands full of recreation—attending small-pox funerals.

—The president of Paraná has refused to sanction the provincial budget recently passed for fear that it will plunge the province into bankruptcy. So great a solicitude as this on the part of a provincial president is something unusual.

—At a place called Piedade, in Minas Geraes, a couple of freedmen were recently married. Their respective names are said to have been Sr. Casimiro Vicente Dias Ferraz Clapp and Sra. D. Severiana José do Patrocinio Naluco de Araújo Prado.

—A company destined to construct a viaduct from the city of São Paulo across a ravine to the Chd suburb, was definitely organized there on the 16th inst. The company is to be known under the title of *Companhia Paulista do Viaducto do Chd*.

—Two traders were recently murdered by Indians on the Rio Waupés, Amazonas, one of which was tomahawked and the other strangled. A local paper says the crime was committed with "astounding wickedness."

—The *seeca* in the northern provinces is said to have spread extensively through the interior of Ceará, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba and a part of Pernambuco. Great suffering is reported from various localities, and the people are flocking down to the coast for work and food.

—The continued complaints of thefts of merchandise on the São Paulo railway has led, so the *Diário de Santos* is informed, to the arrest of some laborers at the São Paulo station for the crime. They were accustomed to conceal packages under and about their wagons so as to get them out of the station.

—Small-pox has reappeared at Fianca, province of São Paulo.

—The São Paulo electric light company began putting up its wires on the 21st inst.

—The municipal council of Sorocaba, São Paulo, has sent in a representation against the new license taxes.

—The people of Belém do Descalvado, São Paulo, are protesting against the new taxes on industries and professions.

—The business men of Diamantina, Minas Geraes, have resolved to send in a protest against the increased taxes on industries and professions.

—The cotton crop at Tatubá, São Paulo, is estimated at 80,000 arrobas this year—say 1140 tons. The minimum price received was \$1600 per 15 kilos,—or nearly 2½ cents a pound.

—The fiscal engineer of the Bahia Central railway reports that for the first half of the current year receipts were 303,378\$30 and expenses 272,945\$270, leaving a balance of 30,433\$260.

—The *Novidades* of the 22nd says that a Salazar, Minas Geraes, journal states that the freedwomen are giving birth to their children on the high-road, and at once kill them, as they have no means of securing their existence. Good for Minas Geraes!

—Another large fire occurred in São Paulo on the morning of the 16th inst., resulting in the total destruction of a millinery store and hat store at No. 31 Rua da Imperatriz. The former was insured for 50,000\$ in a national company and the latter for 12,000\$ in a foreign company. The building was insured for 20,000\$.

—Great surprise has been occasioned in S. Paulo by the published announcement of Dr. João Mendes de Almeida that he is not a candidate for the vacancy in the 4th district occasioned by the promotion of Deputy Rodrigo Silva to the Senate. It was taken for granted that he would certainly run as an independent candidate.

—A curious accident occurred near Congonhas do Campo, Minas Geraes, on the 5th. A man accidentally fell head first into an abandoned gold pit, and stuck so fast that all attempts to extricate him were unavailing. His groans were heard for four days, but ceased, and he is undoubtedly dead. The unfortunate man must have had an uncommonly large head.

—A public meeting was held in São Paulo on the 13th inst. to protest against the new taxes on industries and professions—and a very vigorous protest it was, too. We should now like to see all these protests and resolutions rigorously enforced—a little resolute action after all these meetings. The action of the government has been very arbitrary, to say the least, and merits determined resistance.

—Certainly some of the inhabitants of the province of S. Paulo are notable for stupidity. A Portuguese gardener there has succeeded in living very comfortably at the cost of the *Paulistas* in this manner. Declaring himself the owner of lands and goods in Portugal, he made some half a dozen wills leaving various sums to his friends, and upon this very doubtful security borrowed money. He is said to have victimized a doctor, a lawyer (!) and many of his fellow-countrymen, such as masons, carpenters, etc. Fancy a S. Paulo lawyer caught in such a trap!

—On August 1st, one year ago, Capt. William A. Ray of the British bkn *George E. Cobitt*, was stabbed and killed by his mad mate, Jesse Denton, in the port of Santos, the criminal being seen with knife in hand which he threw into the water and then jumped overboard to escape. The trial took place on the 20th inst., when an intelligent Santos jury acquitted the assassin because the witnesses were "suspected," owing to their attachment to the captain, and the failure to have the dying man's accusation properly sworn to. The jury therefore decides that the accused did not stab the captain.

—On the 8th Zoroastro de Macedo, a brother of Antonio de Macedo, charged as one of the assassins of two persons near Bananal, S. Paulo, was arrested in the province of Rio de Janeiro. The prisoner is wanted to serve a term for assaulting a judge, but it seems probable that some news of his brother, the alleged murderer, will be obtained from him. The brother Antonio reports from a hiding place near the coast below this city, acknowledges his crime, and boasts that he is armed and will not be taken alive.

—The city authorities of Santos have established a third lazaretto for small-pox patients in the Villa Mathias suburb. The measures employed to meet the pest seem to have been utterly ineffective, and, according to local authorities, nothing whatever has been done to improve the bad sanitary condition of the streets and habitations. Free communication with infected persons and places is permitted, and the lazarettos are established on main thoroughfares and in places where the pest can easily be spread. Religious processions, sanitary ignorance and official incapacity are thus working harmoniously to depopulate the city.

## RAILROAD NOTES

—The July receipts of the Paulista line were 247,687\$060, and the expenditures 118,364\$540, leaving a balance of 129,322\$025.

—The holders of debentures of the Bahia and Minas railway have been invited to meet on the 25th to decide upon the payment of these bonds.

—The fastest time ever made on an American railway was 92 miles in 93 minutes on the Philadelphia and Reading line. One mile was made in 46 seconds.

—The Manhattan Elevated Railway of New York City carries 525,000 passengers daily, or 1½ times the total population of Rio de Janeiro. This is equivalent to 191,625,000 passengers a year.

—The traffic receipts of the Natal and Nova Cruz railway are stated by the *Diário Oficial* to have been in the first half of the current year 29,693\$820, and expenses 73,042\$067, leaving a deficit of 43,348\$247.

—Decree No. 10,032 dated September 15th authorized the Príncipe de Grão Pará [Petropolis] railway to transfer its concession and obligations to the Rio de Janeiro and Northern Railway Company, Limited.

—The July traffic receipts of the Macaeté and Campos railway were 162,523\$120, and for August 200,307\$360. Passengers contributed 37,280\$940 and 40,845\$060, and goods 115,898\$500 and 151,938\$520 for the respective months. About five-eighths of the receipts were from charges on exports.

—The inhabitants of Santa Rita do Passo Quarto, São Paulo, are trying to secure the construction of a branch railway to the Paulista line. At a recent meeting it was stated to the people of the town that the branch would cost 240,000\$, whereupon 140,000\$ were subscribed on the spot and a committee appointed to secure subscriptions for the rest.

—We have received the report of the directory of the Barão de Araruama railway for the year ending 30th June last. The receipts were 114,816\$085 and expenses 77,066\$220, leaving a balance of 37,750\$465. The dividend paid during the year was 4 per cent., or 8\$ per share. The capital of the company is 800,000\$ and the reserve fund on June 30th was 18,286\$509.

—On the 17th a petition signed by Visconde de Figueiredo and Messrs. Mello Barreto and Luricelli, the last two formerly directors of the Leopoldina railway, was presented to the government asking that instructions be given to provincial authorities to grant assistance to the technical staff of a gigantic enterprise. It is a railway to extend from Pernambuco on the Atlantic coast of Brazil to Valparaiso on the Pacific coast of Chile. The petitioners ask no other favors, as yet, for the enterprise.

—On the 12th inst. the minister of agriculture authorized the modification of the tariffs on the Alagoas Central railway. Cereals will pay 50 rs. per kilometre ton; empty sacks will be carried free to the interior; goods from long distances will receive 20 per cent. discount on from 50 to 100 kilometres, 30 per cent. from 100 to 150, 40 per cent. from 150 to 200 and 50 per cent. for 200 kilometres or over. Passenger fares are also considerably modified.

## COFFEE NOTES

—A São Paulo exchange says that the coffee crop at Dons Corregos this year will be abundant, and that some plantations are giving an extraordinary yield.

—A local paper of S. Carlos do Pinhal gives the following opinion in regard to the present crop:

"The coffee crop in S. Carlos this year was estimated at about 800,000 arrobas. It will be reduced, however, to two-thirds, or perhaps less; and the product can not be superior because of the irregularity of the season. The repeated and abundant rains which have fallen in the municipality are the cause of enormous injury. To all these evils, due to nature, should be added those occasioned by the improvidence and ignorance of the government and of its local agents, and one may then have a just idea of what agriculture is suffering. Everything is going wrong!"

—The minister of Finance writes under date of June 26th that the coffee crop this year will be exceptionally abundant, and will allow planters to make such important sacrifices as are necessary to secure its receipt, its packing and its shipment. There will be, doubtless, some delay in receipts at Rio de Janeiro, but there are already 1,200 bags per diem coming in, and the stock is 80,000 bags. According to rough calculations, the loss to planters on their annual revenue, in consequence of the abolition law will not exceed, in 1888, from 25 to 30 per cent. This is an altogether unexpected result, for a very considerable reduction was expected in the average revenue from the plantations. Such is the result of information obtained at the exchange by contact with the larger packers, and at the custom house. These ideas agree, but are not decisive, for a part of the crop is yet on the trees.—*Revue Sud-Américaine*, 2nd Sept.

## LOCAL NOTES

—Still unable to finish its necessary work, the General Assembly has been prorogued to the 30th.

—Who is Lord Old St. Peter? We saw the other day that "Barão de S. Pedro Velho" had been drawn as a jurymen.

—The gas bill of the city in August was 67,221\$820. Experts are still of the opinion that the gas is cheap—and nasty.

—An esteemed local colliery makes an appeal for an increased cultivation of beans. We agree. Plant all the beans you can, for they are the main reliance of the country both in peace and war.

—French doctors say that antipyrin is worth nothing as a preservative against sea-sickness. We believe this peculiar remedy was discovered by Germans; hence it does not suit French stomachs.

—A Greek physician has discovered that cocoa nut is a remedy for tape worm. He orders the patient to take the milk and pulp of a nut every morning, and appears to have killed nobody so far.

—On the 14th the committee of the Chamber of Deputies reported favorably on the Senate bill to establish banks of issue. Deputy Andrade Figueira, true to his record, signed the report "out-voted."

—So well informed were the reporters here as to the choice of the S. Paulo senator that they had a bouquet of artificial flowers (*toujour perdis*) ready for Conselheiro Rodrigo Silva on the evening of the 15th.

—Conselheiro Rodrigo Augusto da Silva, minister of foreign affairs, and who, as minister of agriculture, signed the abolition law, has been chosen as senator from S. Paulo. He led the list by a large majority.

—Not even the monasteries are respected by the thieves. The cell of one of the Santo Antonio brothers has been robbed, and although a Dr. Doria, saying his prayers, saw the thieves, no arrests have been made.

—According to our local colleagues, there was recently celebrated the feast of the impression of the wounds on the seraphic patriarch St. Francis de Assis. Now does not this read like nonsense in the latter part of the nineteenth century?

—An accord was signed on the 14th between the Treasury and Banco do Brazil for an advance of 1,500,000\$ to assist the planters of Bahia. Another advance will soon be made to Maranhão, and so on to the end.

—The flying squadron composed of the *Almirante Barroso*, *Pryme de Marjo* and *Niteroy* arrived here from its cruise to the north on the 18th. The voyage, including the time occupied in repairing damages, has been about five months.

—A deserter from the marine corps was arrested here recently, dressed in full canonicals and seated between two priests (we suppose these were real) in a tramcar. He was conversing with his neighbors, whom he called his "colleagues."

—On the 12th inst., the minister of justice asked the Treasury to pay 950\$ for repairs to the wagon used to take prisoners to the penitentiary. The "Black Maria" must have been in a bad way. Would it not have been about as cheap to buy a new one?

—Fires have heretofore been unknown in Petropolis. On the 12th the minister of agriculture authorized our fire department to sell Petropolis an engine, and the Petropolitans will never rest until they have a chance of showing what their fire department can do.

—The minister of agriculture has authorized the following payments for supplies furnished the *Lula del Fiori* immigrant station in July: 929\$360 for meat, 1,232\$560 for merchandise, 450\$340 for bread and 233\$280 for green-groceries; total 2,845\$540. A fair month's board bill.

—The quartermaster of the police corps is making restitution of the amount of his defalcation as fast as possible in order to free himself from imprisonment and remove all stain from his name. He paid up 1,200\$000 the 15th, and the balance of 1,015\$ will be paid in as soon as his friends can borrow the amount, if that has not been done already.

—A bill has been presented to the Chamber of Deputies, signed by 22 deputies, granting exemption from predial taxes to all cotton mills in the empire and the houses owned by companies and operatives within a certain radius. If these mills are closed, and then destroy the importation on which heavy taxes are levied, where is the revenue to come from?

—The Lyceio Literario Portuegue, of this city, celebrated its 20th anniversary on the evening of the 14th inst., on which occasion various premiums were distributed among the pupils attending the night schools of that excellent society. The Lyceio has done a work of incalculable good in Rio de Janeiro, and we trust that each recurring anniversary will find it stronger and more prosperous than ever.

—To celebrate the anniversary of the entry of the Italian troops into Rome, the Italian societies were decorated on the 20th inst.

—On the 17th inst. a dividend of 3.45 per cent. was declared to the subscribers to the panorama of Rio de Janeiro, which is being exhibited in Europe.

—An imperial swabber (*grumete*) has recently been authorized by the minister of marine to reside in the province of Ceará. An imperial swabber seems good!

—One of the curiosities of Rio is a small cart driven about the streets and marked "*Leite Exceptional*." It is an honest trade-mark certainly, but there may be some who prefer "exceptional milk" in the place of exceptional water.

—It gives us much pleasure to note that a devout lady of this city has presented the lodging house for poor people, noticed in our last issue, with an image of the Savior. This is a very thoughtful provision for the hungry and the needy.

—Conselheiro Alfredo Chaves should be delighted to know that although when minister of war the army officers kicked him out of office, the Club de Engenharia has lauded him for defending the rights of Brazilian civil engineers.

—Telegraphic news from Bolivia on the 21st report a sanguinary conflict between the government and revolutionary armies, in which three colonels were killed. There were, apparently, no private soldiers and subaltern officers engaged.

—We hear it said that Brazil ought to confer a very handsome decoration on Mr. Goschen, whose conversion scheme in England has liberated so much money for Brazilian investments. We trust the cabinet will take the matter into early consideration.

—According to *O Pais* the May receipts of the government telegraph system were 67,788\$770, of which only 16,326\$370 came from private telegrams, the balance representing government business. As *O Pais* very justly says, this is a poor result for 9,000 kilometres of telegraph service.

—As silly as a case of "red tape" as has ever occurred in this official-ridden country came off on the 16th, when the captain of the port refused to allow the ferry company to send a steamer to Piedade because the helmsmen of the steamers have no license to go to that place. These ferry masters are authorized to go to nearly every part of our bay, and the action of the captain of the port arose either from sheer stupidity, or from reasons that should be sharply investigated.

—The acting inspector of hygiene has made a report upon the *estalagens* (cheap lodging establishments) in the city, and the minister of empire has had tables organized from which it appears that there are 1,331 of these *estalagens* in the city, containing 18,866 rooms and 46,680 inhabitants. The average per room is said to be 2.47 by the compiler of the statistics. The problem is how to get that fractional 47-100 of a man out of the room so that the two individuals may be left to themselves.

—Our city fathers have at last been aroused to the fact that they are letting a golden opportunity pass unnoticed, so they have asked legislative permission to borrow 5,000,000\$ at 4 per cent., to consolidate the floating debt and carry out certain public improvements. As long as any of that surplus of cash created by Mr. Goshen remains uninvested, the cities, provinces and public works of Brazil will do their best to find employment for it.

—The *Gazeta de Noticias* of the 20th contains the following extract from the *Diário da Bahia* of the 12th: "Coming from the capital, Mr. Frank Raleigh presented himself at the British consulate in this city as special correspondent of the *Times*, a London journal, stating that he had been employed by the editor of the paper to collect information as to certain questions of general interest, and especially as to effects produced by the abolition of slavery in Brazil. This individual was furnished with documents that guaranteed his commission, among which was one signed by Lord Salisbury, president of the council of ministers in England, and letters of introduction from our distinguished friends Conselheiro Ruy Barbosa, Dr. Joaquim Nabuco to our illustrious friends Dr. Augusto A. Guimarães, Conselheiro Carneiro da Rocha and Dr. Manoel Victorino Pereira. In virtue of these documents and introductions Mr. Stevens, H. B. M.'s worthy consul, received with courtesy the said individual, and we hear, assisted him in raising a certain sum of money from one of the English banks here. The said Raleigh stopped in this city but a short time, and after he had left H. B. M.'s consul learned that he was a speculator (swindler?) and never had been an agent of the *Times*. The day before yesterday Mr. Stevens received a telegram stating that the said Frank Raleigh, the so-called editor of the London journal mentioned, had been arrested in Antwerp. What this *piada* agent of the *Times* has done will now be discovered. Moreover we have received a telegram from Dr. Joaquim Nabuco advising us to be cautious as to this individual, whom he had by mistake presented to us."



Shipments since our last report are:	
99,017	bags for the United States
39,907	"    Europe
9,742	"    Cape of Good Hope
4,643	"    Elsewhere
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143,869	bags.

For the same time the daily foreign clearances at the custom  
house have been:

111,077	bags for the United States
35,932	"    Europe
4,590	"    Cape of Good Hope
7,240	"    Elsewhere
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154,758	bags.

## The vessels cleared with coffee are:

United States:	
Sept. 15 New York Bk str <i>Hipparchus</i> .....	16,208
19 do Ger str <i>Savona</i> .....	19,061
21 Baltimore Bk str <i>Nith</i> .....	19,061
22 New York " <i>Hagarth</i> .....	30,087

Europe:	
Sept. 14 London Bk str <i>Capit</i> .....	300
14 Havre Fr str <i>Ville de S. Nicolas</i> .....	4,350
15 Antwerp Bk str <i>Gallia</i> .....	950
17 Mediterranean Aus str <i>Tinoro</i> .....	8,446
18 Antwerp Ger str <i>Hannover</i> .....	7,355
Bremen do .....	580
19 Hamburg Ger str <i>Paranaguá</i> .....	4,057

Elsewhere:	
Sept. 14 Port Natal Bk str <i>Helo</i> .....	4,000
15 Cape Town Swed lug <i>Liana</i> .....	2,300
17 Port Elizabeth Nor lug <i>Nordenskjöld</i> .....	4,000
21 River Plate Bk str <i>Trent</i> .....	1,200

Receipts for the past ten days have averaged 12,837 bags per day, against 13,615 for the preceding ten days. The daily average since the 1st inst. is:

13,360 bags	
against .....	10,187
10,966 .....	1,886
15,945 .....	1,885
18,732 .....	1,884
10,419 .....	1,885
20,993 .....	1,882

Brokers' quotations this morning were:

Washed .....	4800-4820	4800-4840
Superior .....	nominal	nominal
Good first .....	do	do
Regular first .....	5 110-5 310	7 500-7 800
Ordinary first .....	4 830-5 310	7 100-7 500
Good second .....	4 430-4 770	6 500-7 000
Ordinary second .....	3 540-4 220	5 200-6 200
Capitain .....	nominal	nominal
Escalona .....	do	do

Stocks were this morning estimated to be hands 184,000 to 192,000 bags in first, and in second, hands awaiting shipment.

## Vessels loading and to load.

New York Bk str <i>Wandle</i> .....		20,000
do Bk str <i>Rose</i> .....		6,000
do do Baltimore Ger str <i>Holstein</i> .....		19,000
Holmeier Amer bk <i>Alhambra</i> .....		18,500
New Orleans Bk str <i>Basel</i> .....		2,500
Hamburg Ger str <i>Tijana</i> .....		4,000
Antwerp Bk str <i>Tamar</i> .....		4,000
Havre Fr str <i>Ville de Buenos Aires</i> .....		—
Bordeaux " <i>Nerthe</i> .....		—
Mediterranean Bk str <i>Patron</i> .....		—
do do <i>Liban</i> .....		—
do do <i>Amst str Thor</i> .....		—
Cape Town Ger lug <i>Hansa</i> .....		3,000

## DAILY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COFFEE AT RIO DE JANEIRO.

	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Totals since Sept. 1	Totals since Jan. 1
Receipts.....	7,524	13,381	9,775	14,590	7,550	17,719	11,856	18,444	16,681	11,685	397,159	1,086,045
Shipments U. States.....	9,593	9,965	..	9,458	4,937	8,250	21,852	56,812	15,155	..	359,159	609,593
" Europe.....	5,632	1,529	..	7,071	5,015	6,583	1,510	1,049	1,343	..	44,557	349,159
" Cape.....	1,319	4,350	..	559	1,441	300	..	..	1,829	..	17,453	3,377
" Elsewhere.....	133	..	..	..	..	1,507	943	166	1,392	..	9,475	50,412
Total Shipments.....	16,729	16,377	..	16,088	12,353	26,433	26,683	76,919	15,910	..	334,765	1,033,504
Clearances.....	..	156,575	..	..	900	3,379	1,402	16,357	13,588	..	355,258	..
Stock in hands.....	191,000	184,000	194,000	201,000	199,000	179,000	178,000	189,000	180,000	190,000	..	..
do and do.....	7,500	10,400	..	7,600	4,100	31,500	13,400	2,500	7,500	..	..	..
Average price Ordinary 1st per month.....	6,800	7,000	..	7,200	7,200	7,800	7,900	7,100	7,100	..	..	..
do Good and.....	6,450	6,150	..	6,750	6,150	6,350	6,650	6,650	6,650	..	..	..
do do.....	26 1/2	26 1/2	..	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	..	..	..
Freight per cwt., 5% premium.....	25 C	25 C	..	25 C	25 C	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	..	..	..





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